

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Periodic Reporting  
(Proposal Two)

Docket No. RM2020-7

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2

(Issued April 21, 2020)

To further assist the Commission in its evaluation of the Postal Service's proposed changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports,<sup>1</sup> the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. The responses should be provided as soon as possible, but no later than April 28, 2020.

1. The Postal Service states that the "objective of [Proposal Two] is to introduce a methodology for updating the delivery time variabilities for city carrier regular delivery time, so that they reflect changes in relative volumes." Petition, Proposal Two at 1.
  - a. Please confirm that mail volumes used to update delivery time variabilities for city carrier regular delivery time exclude all volumes retrieved from customer receptacles, small parcel volumes, large parcel volumes, and accountables volumes.
  - b. If not confirmed, please provide: (1) the customer collections volumes, (2) the small parcel volumes, (3) the large parcel volumes, and (4) accountable volumes that were used to update delivery time variabilities for city carrier regular delivery time.
  - c. Please explain whether and how customer collection volumes, small parcel volumes, large parcel volumes, and accountable volumes, if any,

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<sup>1</sup> Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Two), April 7, 2020 (Petition).

are considered in updating delivery time variabilities for city carrier regular delivery time.

2. Please confirm that files provided within the City Carrier Cost System (CCCS)<sup>2</sup> make it possible to identify some small and/or large parcel volumes as Cased, delivery point sequenced (DPS), Sequenced, and/or Flats Sequencing System (FSS) Mail by using some shape identifiers (e.g., a combination of mail codes, bucket characteristics, bucket numbers, and/or shape-identifier codes). If confirmed:
  - a. Please describe and discuss the identification process with respect to each mail shape.
  - b. Please explain whether and, if so, how volumes of small and large parcels, which had Cased, DPS, Sequenced, or FSS Mail identifiers, were counted as Cased, DPS, Sequenced, and/or FSS Mail in Proposal Two.<sup>3</sup> If none of such volumes were counted, please explain why.
  - c. If volumes of small and large parcels, which had Cased, DPS, Sequenced, or FSS Mail identifiers, were not counted as Cased, DPS, Sequenced, and/or FSS Mail in Proposal Two, please estimate and provide the FY 2019 Cased, DPS, Sequenced, and FSS Mail volumes to include volumes from small and/or large parcels with regular delivery shape identifiers. Please provide the programs, data files, and any other documentation needed to reproduce the calculations.
  - d. For the first fiscal year after FY 2012 during which regular delivery shape identifiers for small and/or large parcels were available, please estimate and provide the Cased, DPS, Sequenced, and FSS Mail volumes to

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<sup>2</sup> See Docket No. ACR2019, Library Reference USPS-FY19-34, December 27, 2019 and Library Reference USPS-FY19-NP22, December 27, 2019.

<sup>3</sup> See Library Reference USPS-RM2020-7/1, updated on April 14, 2020, subfolders Prop2.Carrier.Rev.4.14.Fld.1.Files and Calculating Updated Unit Flats Costs, Excel file "CS6&7-Public-FY2019-New.xlsx," Tab: 7.08.

include these parcel volumes. Please provide the programs, data files, and any other documentation needed to reproduce the calculations.

By the Chairman.

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